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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM COMMENTARY BY QUOTE
DELO UNQUOTE MARCH 30 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
DRAGISA BOSKOVIC.

QUOTE JIMMY CARTER IS ACCORDING TO HIS THINKING AND HIS
DEEDS MUCH CLOSER TO THE DEVELOPING STATES THAT HIS
PREDECESSORS. AS OPPOSED TO THEM, AT LEAST TO THE MAJORITY
OF THEM, HE HAS NOT BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE TEMPATION
TO SHOW AMERICAN MUSCLE BY BECOMING INVOLVED IN REGIONAL DISPUTES,
ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN PUSHED IN THAT DIRECTION, E.E. ZAIRE,
HORN OF AFRICA. AT THE SAME TIME HE IS TRYING TO COVER THE
BIGGEST AMERICAN 'BLACK SPOT' BY RETURNING THE CANAL TO
PANAMA. HIS ADMINISTRATION IS AT LEAST IN RHETORIC CLOSER
BY A FEW STEPS TO THE MAIN ECONOMIC REQUESTS FROM THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS ARE NOW UNEVEN.
PROMISES TO INCREASE AMERICAN AID IN A FEW YEARS FROM 1/4
TO 1/2 PER CENT OF AMERICAN GNP, HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL
'BETTER TIMES'. HE INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN OTHER WORLD
DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IMPORTANT TO THE
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HE AGREED TO COOPERATE IN PREPARING
AGREEMENTS ON RAW MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION IMPORTANT FOR THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND-NOT LONG AGO IN GENEVA- PROMISED THAT
FOR THE POOREST AMONG THESE STATES ALL THE DEBTS WILL BE
PRACTICALLY FORGOTTEN. THESE ARE PROBABLY THE REASONS FOR
THE WARM RECEPTION IN CARACAS...

2. QUOTE VENEZUELA IS NOWDAYS MUCH CLOSER TO THE U.S., AS WASHINGTON MAKES LIFE 'BITTER' FOR DICATOR SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA AND THE RIGHT WING JUNTA IN CHILE...'BUT A' COOLER RECEPTION AND HARDER WORK IS AWAITING THE PRESIDENT IN BRASILIA. IN BRAZIL, IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT QUOTE THIS VISIT HAS BEEN INITIATED IN WASHINGTON UNQUOTE. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO LARGEST STATES OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN AMERICAN CONTINENTS ARE NOW DESCRIBE AS 'THE WORST EVER'. WASHINGTON MADE THE BRASILIAN GOVERNMENT ANGRY BY DECIDING TO DELIVER ARMS TO BRASILIA ONLY WHEN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IS SATISFACTORY. AS A REACTION TO THIS, BRAZIL CANCELLED THE AGREEMENT ON MILITARY AID. SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT AN EVEN GREATER REASON FOR THE MIS-UNDERSTANDING IS THE FACT THAT BRAZIL DECIDED TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR ENRICHING URANIMUM FROM WEST GERMANY. AN AGREEMENT ON THIS HAS BEEN RECENTLY SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BRAZIL AND WEST GERMANY IN BONN DESPITE STRONG AMERICAN PROTESTS IN WHICH THE BRAZILIANS SAW AN AMERICAN DESIRE TO LIMIT THEM IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND THE GERMANS SAW AN AMERICAN DISIRE TO MONOPOLIZE THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. AMERICANS ARE EXCUSING THEMSELVES BY SAYING THAT THEY ARE OPPOSING THIS CONTRACT ONLY BECAUSE OF FEAR OF THE SPREADING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT LATER THEY SOMEHOW QUALIFIED THEIR STATEMENT WITH THE THISIS OF 'LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO SOLVE THEIR OWN ENERGY PROBLEMS.

3. IN LAGOS, THE EDITORIAL SAID THAT PRESIDENT
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CARTER PROBABLY HAS THE MOST COMPLICATED TASK ON THE WHOLE TRIP. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEFINE MORE CLEARLY THE AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA, WHICH IS RIGHT NOW UNDER STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURES. THE MAIN ISSUES ARE SOUTH AFRICA NAMIBIA AND ESPECIALLY RHODESIA. LATELY THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF HESITATION IN WASHINGTON'S 'HIGH PLACES'. ANDREW YOUNG IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT HESITATION, CONDEMNED THE 'INTERNAL SOLUTION' WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN IAN SMIT AND THE GROUP OF THREE 'MODERATE' BLACK LEADERS IN RHODESIA. ONE DAY AFTER THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT VERY GENTLY AND 'OBLIQUELY", ALTHOUGH CLEARLY ENOUGH, CORRECTED THE AMBASSADOR AND LEFT THE IMAGE THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO CLOSE EVEN THIS DOOR. OBVIOUSLY ANDREW YOUNG LATER ON FORCED HIS POSITION: U.S. DID NOT OPPOSE 'INTERNAL SOLUTION' IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUED THE STRINGEST CONDEMNATION SO FAR OF THIS AGREEMENT JUST BEFORE CARTER'S TRIP'.

4. AMERICAN AIMS IN RELATIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES-ESPECIALLY LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA-WILL BE MORE CLEAR AFTER WE READ BOTH OF CARTER'S SPEECHES. BUT AMERICAN COMMENTATORS DON'T EXPECT BIG NEWS. THE MORE CYNICAL AMONG

THEM ARE SAYING THAT THIS TRIP IS FULL OF "SYMBOLS" AND THAT THE
PRESIDENT IS PURSUING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN,
MEANT FOR THE WORLD AS WELL AS FOR AMERICA.
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